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Four Would Be Better.
A Kentucky orator is quoted as deploring, "of what use are kings?" A Kentuckian, of all men, ought to know that kings are quite some use, if you can get as many as three of them.—Nashville Tennessean.

Naval Smoke.
In the old days of the navy all pipes—sailors' rarely smoked tobacco in any other form—were lighted from a lamp in the fore-cabin, and the hours when smoking is permitted are still indicated by the use of this lamp, although the modern sailor is permitted to light a match when he desires to smoke.



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Murray Qualifies For Tennis Singles

In Hard Fought Battle With Strachan—Losen and Murray Play With Utmost Speed and Strength—Winner Will Meet Niles Today For Championship—Other Sports.

Forest Hills, L. I., Aug. 24.—Playing tennis of the most strenuous California type, R. Lindley Murray of Niles, Pa., formerly of the Pacific coast, defeated John R. Strachan of San Francisco, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1, in the semi-final round of the national patriotic singles tournament. The victory gave him the right to meet N. W. Niles of Boston, in the climax of the tournament tomorrow, weather permitting, on the courts of the West Side Club here.

Murray's play was opposed to the limit of Strachan's ability and endurance, the loser going down to defeat after one of the best exhibitions of tennis seen in the present tourney. The loser forced Murray to draw upon the last of his strength, and he played the racquet skill and it was at these times that the victor showed the full extent of his power of stroke and court covering pace. The match, the only one of the day's progress, was completed in the afternoon, played between thunder storms and to the accompaniment of frequent lightning flashes and rain.

The rain halted the special exhibition between Miss Mollie Bjurstedt of New York and Miss Mary Browne of San Francisco, after one set and a game had been played. Miss Bjurstedt won the set 6-4, due to her harder and more accurate driving.

HARD HITTING PITCHERS COMMON IN BIG SHOW

Shipping Twirlers Are Many in Major Leagues This Season as Shown by Records.

Pitchers who not only are willing but who take a crack at a baseball with some of the best of hitters are becoming more frequent in the major leagues. Time and time again, when pitchers carried a bat to the plate merely because it was their turn to bat, they have been there. Now there are eight pitchers in the American league who are batting .350 or better, and in the National league there are 10.

Eabe Ruth, of the Red Sox, is the best of the pitchers who are batting well. But Dutch Leiber, Cincinnati; Walter Johnson, Bob Russell and Ray Caldwell are considered excellent batsmen. Some of them are likely to be called on to pinch hit for their club. Larry Cheney, of the Dodgers, has a chance to become a regular in the Braves, never shirks a time at bat, and he has a teammate of the same name, Elmer Myers, of the Smiths, of the Dodgers, would rather win a game with a hit than by a steal. Pitching performance, Grover Alexander is considered a dangerous batsman. Nearly all the Yankee pitchers are good hitters. George Moench and Ray Caldwell perhaps are the best, but Al Russell has out-hit both of them. Claude Myers, of the Cubs, is respected by pitchers as a hard, long hitter—one who is just as likely to knock a pitcher out of the lot as not. Mel Volkmann, of the White Sox, although small, has plenty of courage at bat and makes his hits. Elmer Myers, of the Athletics, also shines with the bat when he hits his stride. Grover Alexander is an asset added to his pitching ability. Clarence Mitchell, of the Reds, not only can pitch a good game, but he can out-field or play first base and gets his regular safe ones. There are plenty of pitchers who are good at one or two of these things, but the kind of pitchers that the game ever knew before.

It is noted that the so-called "iron men" are conspicuous by their absence this year. Only two pitchers—Alexander and Toney—have even qualified for that title, and their records show quantity, not quality. Pete Alexander, of the Yankees, has a record of 27 wins, 10 losses, and 10 no-decisions, and only a few in the American league appear to be overworked.

Mabel Track Wins Free-for-all.
Philadelphia, Aug. 24.—Mabel Track,

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

MARKET RALLIED.

All Classes of Ralls Participated in the Advance.

New York, Aug. 24.—Further upward readjustment of prices was registered today's stock market, traders regarding the government's hard coal schedule as altogether equitable. Sharp rallies in oils and shares of other commodities followed. The market from the belief that additional price-fixing would be on the same basis. The market advanced 1.75 to 121 3/4, and a fair, as suggested by the new credit of \$100,000,000 to that country, went far to allay the pessimism of recent days.

All classes of rails participated in the advance, the movement being particularly numerous low grade issues, notably Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, Wheeling and Lake Erie, Washington, and Chesapeake and Potomac, all of which advanced one to four points.

Bethlehem Steel was the only prominent stock to lag, on the continued uncertainty attending the company's proposed financing. United States Steel advanced 1.75 to 121 3/4, and a fair, as suggested by the new credit of \$100,000,000 to that country, went far to allay the pessimism of recent days.

Texas Company regained almost half of its 12 1/2 point loss of the previous day, and Mexican Petroleum made a gross gain of 3 1/4. Other semi-war shares, including coppers, rubbers and tobaccos, ranged from one to two and a half points higher, shipments and motors taring similarly.

Final prices were irregular under the best, the market reacting on profit-taking. Much of the trading was aggregating 440,000 shares, consisted of short covering.

Bonds were weaker, with sustained firmness in the Liberty issues at 99.92 to 99.98. Total sales (par value) amounted to \$2,750,000.

U. S. bonds, old issues, were unchanged on call.

STOCKS.			
	High.	Low.	Close.
Alaska Gold M.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Allis	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Am. Can.	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Am. Sugar	118 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
Am. Char. & Foundry Co.	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Am. C. & P.	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Am. Locomotive	67 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2
Am. T. & T.	118 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
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